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By UPS overnight mail

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 132X), *Union Pacific Railroad Company --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Rio Grande and Mineral Counties, CO*

Dear Mr. Williams:

In a Board decision by the Secretary's office issued on November 3, 2003, the date for filing replies to the City of Creede, Colorado's petition to reopen the above proceeding was extended to December 3, 2003.

In behalf of Denver & Rio Grande Railway Historical Foundation (the Foundation), a Class III rail carrier subject to Board jurisdiction, this is to respectfully request a further 16-day extension of the filing date for such replies, to December 19, 2003. The further extension hereby requested is necessitated by the unusually lengthy volume of materials filed in support of the City's petition, i.e., 422 pages.

I have been authorized by counsel for the City of Creede, George Allen, Esq., to state that the City does not oppose the requested extension.

Ten copies accompany the original of this requested extension. All parties of record are being served.

Very truly yours,

Tom McFarland

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Railway Historical Foundation*

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